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1. JOINT UPPER HOUSE CAMPAIGN IN SAIGON BEGAN AUGUST 30. SCHEDULE CALLS FOR STAGGERED APPEARANCES IN 8 DISTRICTS OVER TWO DAY PERIOD IN GROUPS OF 12 SLATES. SLATES PERMITTED 10 MINUTES TO SPEAK OR ANSWER QUESTIONS. AFTERNOON APPEARANCES WERE MARRED BY RAINFALL AND AT SAIGON CITY HALL (DISTRICT 1), FOR EXAMPLE, ONLY ABOUT 100 SPECTATORS CAME TO HEAR SENATORIAL CANDIDATES.

① 2. AFTERNOON-TALKS AT SAIGON CITY HALL RESERVED TO SLATES 13 THROUG 24. AMONG THOSE WHO SPOKE WERE TU DO PUBLISHER PHAM VIET TUYEN (LIST 18), TAN DAI VIET PARTY MEMBERS

PAGE 2 RUMJIR 4538 CONFIDENTIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE HUYNH VAN TON AND NGUYEN NGOC HUY (LISTS 15 AND 16) AND CHINH LUAN PUBLISHER DR. DANG VAN SUNG (LIST 13).

3. TAN DAI VIET SLATES, WHICH ARE LINKED WITH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TRUONG DINH DZU, EMPHASIZED ISSUE OF PEACE. TON

STRESSED NEED FOR STRONG GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE PEACE. HUY NOTED THAT PRESENT CONDITIONS FAVOR EARLY END TO WAR -- U.S. WANTS PEACE, NORTH VIET NAM HAS BEEN WEAKENED BY BOMBING AND CHINA FACED WITH INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES. POPULARLY ELECTED GVN, HUY SAID, IS ONLY REMAINING CONDITION YET TO BE FULFILLED. ONCE IT IS, NORTH VIET NAM WILL AGREE TO NEGOTIATIONS. ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED SPOKESMAN FOR TAN DAI VIET SLATES DEPLORED ESCALATION OF WAR AND ALLEGED U.S. DISREGARD FOR VIETNAMESE SOVEREIGNTY. HE COMPLAINED OF DAMAGE TO VIETNAMESE PROPERTY BY U.S. FORCES, SCORED LARGE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN WHICH U.S. VEHICLES INVOLVED. HE MAINTAINED THAT U.S. PERSONNEL IN VIET NAM SHOULD BE BROUGHT UNDER VIETNAMESE JURISDICTION AND PROMISED TO DEFEND VN SOVEREIGNTY IF ELECTED.

4. DR. DANG VAN SUNG ALLOWED ENTIRE 10 MINUTES FOR QUESTIONS NONE OF WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE PARTICULARLY CONTROVERSIAL. PHAM VIET TUYEN CONFINED HIMSELF TO GENERAL DISCUSSION OF IMPORTANCE OF ELECTIONS.

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